

**P-20 Council
Steering Committee Meeting
August 13, 2008 - 2:00 p.m.
Meeting Notes**

Location: 1700 W. Washington, 6th Floor Conference Room A, Phoenix, AZ 85007

Committee Members Present: Dr. Rufus Glasper, Dr. Karen Nicodemus, Dr. Sybil Francis, Daniela Robles, and Susan Carlson.

Staff Present: Darcy Renfro, Mariko Silver, Debra Raeder, Lauren Kielsmeier, Eva Lester, Claire Parriott and Erin Hart.

Guests Present: Christy Farley (telephonic), Jim Pitofsky and Bernie Ronan.

1. Call to Order and Welcome

The meeting was called to order at 2:05 pm. Mariko Silver, the Governor's new policy advisor for Higher Education was formally introduced. It was noted that Christy Farley was attending telephonically.

2. Review/Discussion - Work of the Committees Update

a. Steering Committee/Updates:

- P-20 Council Meeting Draft Agenda for October 3, 2008 was reviewed and discussed.
- 21st Century Skills Recommendations/Partnership State Application –Staff met with key stakeholders on August 7, 2008 to further discuss Arizona becoming a partner state. Using input from the August 7th meeting, staff will draft an application for presentation to the P-20 Council at the October 3, 2008 meeting. Committee members requested a one-page document outlining the application; defining the benefits; and identifying any successful implementation of 21st century skills standards and assessments in Arizona.
- Council Retreat – staff will work to identify a date for the Council Retreat. Committee members will pursue funding for the retreat. Committee discussed possible format/sessions for the retreat.

b. Communications Committee

- Staff reported that the Collaborative Communications Campaign is moving forward with the production of the three media concepts approved by the Council in June. It is anticipated that the spots will be ready for presentation to the Council in October. The launch of the full Campaign, including television broadcast, is anticipated for January 2009.

c. Data Committee

- Ready Graduates Forum – Dr. Francis asked staff to update the Committee. Staff reported that as the result of a \$25,000 grant from America's promise, the P-20 Council and the Governor's Office For Children, Youth and Families are planning a dropout prevention summit for some time in January or February of 2009. The event is being planned for 250 youth and adults from around the state. The purpose of the event will be to develop strategies that the state's education policy boards and implement to address Arizona's dropout crisis. A Steering Committee is being formed to help plan the event.

- The Committee continues to work with ADE and Don Houde in planning the development and implementation of the Data Warehouse. Need to ensure the warehouse can interface with the community colleges through ASSIST.

d. Alignment Committee

- Dr. Nicodemus provided an update on the ELA Alignment Team Meeting, which will be held in Tucson on August 28-29, 2008.
- SBE is considering appointees to the Assessment & Accountability Taskforce, mandated by HB 2211. Work is expected to commence after September 2008.
- Arizona has been selected as one of eight states to participate in the Achieve Policy Institute. The purpose of the Institute is to help states put an assessment and accountability system in place that fully reflects and supports the goal of all students graduating college- and career-ready. It is anticipated that the work at this Institute can and will inform the work of the Taskforce being appointed by the SBE. Orientation will take place in Washington, D.C. on September 10-11, 2008. The Council will be sending a team.

e. Pathways Committee

- Susan Carlson reported that the Committee continues to address the pathway/process for CTE courses to be counted for university admissions.
- The Committee is also pursuing the issues surrounding and impacting dual enrollment, including funding, IGA's, transfer of credits, credits earned, and teachers. Staff has provided research on other states' dual enrollment models and research that supports the importance of a robust dual enrollment program.

f. Literacy Committee

- Daniels Robles reported that staff is pursuing a grant proposal with the Southern Arizona Grantmakers and Literacy Leadership Council to fund the Teacher Reading Endorsement Program.
- The Committee continues to review and provide input into the Rule language for the Reading Endorsement.

g. Teachers Committee

- Staff reported that the Committee has refreshed and updated their work plan.
- The Committee is currently researching the issues surrounding the feasibility of a state level Professional Standards Board.

h. Early Childhood Ad Hoc Committee

- Staff reported that the Committee is working to provide recommendations for the Council at the October 3rd meeting.

3. Grants

Staff provided a brief update on two grants that the Council is currently applying for including the Lumina Grant for "Making Opportunity Affordable" e.g. higher education funding and the College Access Challenge Grant.

4. Next Steps

- Staff asked each chair to review and update their committee work plan at their next meeting.

- Dr. Glasper asked each chair to think about sponsors for an upcoming P-20 retreat and asked staff to set a date for the retreat.
- Dr. Glasper asked for the parameters staff used to pursue grants; asked each chair to be aware of and inform the committee of any grant opportunities that the P-20 could pursue; and asked that this be an agenda item for a future meeting.
- Committee members requested a one-page document outlining the 21st Century Skills Leadership State application that would define the benefits; and identify any successful implementation of 21st century skills standards and assessments in Arizona.

5. Call to the Public

- Bernie Ronan requested a business representative be added to the Steering Committee.
- Jim Pitofsky expressed support for the on-going communications campaign as well as the work of the Council in general

6. Adjournment

There being no further business or discussion, the meeting was adjourned by Dr. Rufus Glasper at 4:00 p.m.